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10 JAN 75 DISCUSSIONS

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1. ON 10 JAN, NSF'S UZNANSKY MET WITH CNRS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REP MME MIRABEL AND ASSOCIATES TO DISCUSS: 1) NSF-CNRS POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM; AND 2) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT NSF-CNRS RESEARCH PROJECTS, AS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE DURING RECENT MEETING IN U.S. BETWEEN DR. STEVER AND PROF GREGORY, CHIEF OF CNRS.

2. CNRS IS VERY INTERESTED IN PURSUING JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND AGREED THAT AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH NSF OF INTENTION TO DO SO WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO FORMALIZE COMMENCEMENT. GENERAL MODE OF OPERATION AGREED UPON IS THAT U.S. AND FRENCH LABORATORIES WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN JOINT EFFORTS WOULD FILE PARALLEL PROPOSALS WITH NSF AND CNRS, RESPECTIVELY. THEN NSF AND CNRS WOULD COLLABORATE IN SELECTING MOST WORTHY PROPOSALS TO RECEIVE REQUIRED SUPPORT, SUCH AS TRAVEL FUNDS TO PERMIT DOMESTICALLY SUPPORTED PROJECTS TO BE PURSUED BILATERALLY.

3. AS FIRST STEP, CNRS AND NSF WILL EXCHANGE LISTS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROPRIATE. CNRS WILL COORDINATE THIS EFFORT WITH
DGRST'S CURIEN AND BRIEF HIM ON SUBJECT PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE FOR THE JAN 23-24 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. WE
DO NOT EXPECT THAT CNRS WILL HAVE PREPARED ITS LIST
IN TIME FOR THE CURIEN VISIT.
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